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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 16, 2003, please consider the following amendment and remarks. The amendments to the claims are presented in accordance with the "revised format" of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Authorization is herewith given to charge **Deposit Account 50-0996** (GUID.038US01) all requisite fees, to include fees incurred by claims amendments and/or new claim(s) submissions, as presented in this Response and Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

An Appendix including replacement and annotated drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.

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